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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SEISHI KATO, ET AL.) Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith
Application No.: 09/856,231) Group Art Unit: 1631
I.A. Filing Date: November 17, 1999)
For: HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING)
HYDROPHOBIC DOMAINS AND)
DNAs ENCODING THESE)
PROTEINS) March 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated February 3, 2003(Paper No. 10) in the above-identified application, as follows.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner stated "[f]or amino acid/polypeptide or nucleotide sequences, the Applicants must elect a single sequence." As understood, therefore, in response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of SEQ ID NO:35.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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